

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (amended). Method of removing dirt by means of steam and a cleaning agent, which method comprises the steps of supplying cleaning agent and mixing it with the steam, and bringing the mixture into contact with the dirt to be removed, wherein the cleaning agent is injected into the steam and is brought into contact in a gaseous state with the dirt to be removed.

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Claim 6 (amended). Method according to claim 1, wherein the steam has a temperature ranging from 120 to 160°C.

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Claim 9 (amended). Method according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning agent is an aqueous solution that comprises phosphate compounds, said compounds comprising at least a combination of orthophosphate, polyphosphate and pyrophosphate, and also at least an anionic surfactant, a non-polar organic solvent and an emulsifier.

Claim 10 (amended). Method according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of steam to cleaning agent is in the range of 4-8:1., preferably approximately 6:1.

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Claim 11 (new). Method according to claim 10, wherein the ratio of steam to cleaning agent is 6:1.

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Claim 12 (new). Method according to claim 1, wherein the dirt to be removed comprises chewing gum residues.

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Claim 13 (new). Method according to claim 9, wherein the dirt to be removed comprises chewing gum residues.